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## UMD gaining the 'LEED'

Joel Runck

Statesman Staff Reporter

With recent construction projects and developments, UMD is taking steps towards becoming a "greener" and more energy efficient campus.

One of the primary features of the \$23 million Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) and the \$15.2 million renovation of Life Science is that both are being built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, which greatly reduce energy consumption, while maintaining high performance.

There are five major standards in the LEED criteria: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality, according to a report by the U.S. Green Building Council (U.S. GBC). In addition, there are three levels of LEED certification: certified silver, gold and platinum. With energy savings, come energy paybacks—literally.

"We do a whole wide range projects to make UMD a more sustainable campus. One major advancement is working toward LEED certification on the new Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) currently under construction," said UMD Assistant Director for



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Construction workers working on the new environmentally friendly business building outside the library on Kirby drive.

Facilities Management John Rashid. "To become LEED certified, the project must focus on sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, renewable material selection and indoor environmental quality. This

will be the first new higher education building in the University system to become LEED certified."

"Since I've been here, we've been working with Minnesota Power (MP) on our buildings.

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## 'U' has ability to punish off-campus crimes

By Kathleen Grigg

Statesman Staff Reporter

As of last Friday, all University of Minnesota campuses now have the power to punish students for on and off-campus criminal behaviors, even if found innocent in the criminal justice system.

Prior to the Student Conduct code revisions, the code only applied to on-campus incidents.

The Board of Regents, which decides on University policies, voted unanimously to adopt the changes.

UM Crookston, a school located five hours west of UMD and with about one fifth the enrollment, held an open forum to get the community's opinion on the topic. UMD's opinions were represented by the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, as well as the system-wide Senate Committee on Student Affairs and Chief Student Affairs officers.

Any criminal, punishable offenses under the code must constitute "a substantial University interest," which will be determined by Chief

Student Affairs Officers on each campus, according to Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs at the Twin Cities campus.

"What may be of great significance on one campus may be less so on another," Rinehart said. "The intent of the changes in jurisdiction, however, is not to go after single incidents of minor infractions."

Daniel Martin presented information about the code prior to the revisions to his Introduction to Sociology class to see how they would react.

"The more thoughtful students realized this is an encroachment by the arm of the state," Martin said. "And why should students get punished twice? This makes no sense."

Vice Chancellor of academic support and student life Bruce Gildseth said the board was working on the revisions so prompt action could be taken in more extreme cases such as assault. For instance, if there was an assault case, the university could make

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## Students get a 'taste' of reality

By Erin Minor

Statesman Staff Reporter

Minnesota's Public Interest Research Group's (MPIRG), a Taste of Reality on Dec. 5 at the Kirby Rafters was a chance for many to learn about poverty; an issue that's close to home.

A part of the evening was devoted to two speakers, Xavier Bell, of Community Action Duluth, and Ben Small, of Gabriel Project, and Churches United in Ministry (CHUM). Bell and Small talked about their work with the impoverished and homeless in the Duluth area. The beginning of the evening was devoted to a dining experience that was

rather unexpected.

Small told several stories of his work with those in Duluth's lower economic class and the hardships they face. There were stories of people that were not able to get dental appointments, so they had to remove the infected teeth themselves to stop the pain.

One woman had her ceiling collapse. For a couple of months the hole was covered with a tarp and funneled leaking water into her kitchen sink. People go to their landlords, but often the fix provided is only a cosmetic one since the people don't pay much rent, said Small.

One of the main goals of Gabriel Project

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Keith Tollefson (right) eats with other students of his 'social class' to illustrate the different economic standings in the U.S.



# NEWS NOW

## SEAT BELTS FOR MN SCHOOL BUS

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A school bus accident that injured more than two dozen people is raising questions about bus safety, but lingering doubts remain over whether seat belts would make the ride to school any safer.

Some school bus leaders say higher seat backs and a review of inspection procedures might do more good than requiring riders to wear seat belts.

Friday's crash in Ham Lake involving a bus and two vehicles remains under investigation. The driver of one of the cars and three students remain hospitalized.

Meanwhile, the Anoka-Hennepin School District has asked Andover-based Kottkes' Bus Services Inc. to fully inspect all the buses of the same make and model before allowing them back on the road.

Past bus crashes, like one that killed three students near Monticello in 1997, spurred calls for better safety equipment, including seat belts. But seat belt bills haven't moved in the Legislature.

"There's a push to go to the lap/shoulder belt," said Denny Coughlin, fleet manager for Minneapolis public schools. "But I'm not sure it's safer than current bus design."

New York, New Jersey, Florida and California are among the states that require seat belts on school buses, according to the National Association for Pupil Transportation.

Some tests show that lap belts in school buses may contribute to abdominal and spinal injuries rather than prevent them, said Mike Martin, a spokesman for the national group.

There's also the cost argument. Coughlin said requiring lap and shoulder belts would raise the price of a \$65,000 bus by about \$8,000 and reduce capacity.

School bus design can help prevent injury. Most buses have a energy-absorbing front end and strong, padded seat backs that form compartments for passengers.

## ALCOHOL KILLS COLLEGE MALE

GAFFNEY, S.C. (AP) — A Limestone College freshman died in his sleep after a night of partying this past weekend, authorities said.

Zachary Donald Dunlevy, 18, was drinking for about four hours at a liquor-only party Saturday and became belligerent, police said. Friends helped him back to his dormitory room and a roommate found Dunlevy, of West Lafayette, Ind., unresponsive and "blue in the face" in his bed, authorities said.

Dunlevy died from an alcohol overdose, Gaffney police detective Sgt. Billy Odom said after an autopsy Monday.

Limestone lacrosse players, as well as other athletes, were among the several dozen people at the off-campus party, Odom said. Men were required to bring a bottle of liquor to attend, Odom said.

"He started getting belligerent," Odom said of Dunlevy. "That's why they decided he needed to go home."

Dunlevy's parents came to Limestone from Indiana on Monday to talk to students at a memorial service.

"You never want your parents to have to do what we did this morning," said David Dunlevy, who had to identify his son's body. "Please, please, learn from this, I beg you."

David Dunlevy was crying, as were many students. A Johnny Cash song was played because he was Zachary Dunlevy's favorite artist and pictures of the teen with his friends were shown.

Dunlevy was on an academic scholarship at the school and planned to try out for the lacrosse team in the spring. But a leg injury, which earned him the nickname "Boot," prevented him from practicing this fall.

The lacrosse team at Limestone has been in trouble before. Several players were banned from an off-campus house in the spring and the team's captain was suspended in a separate incident. Those problems were reported about the time three Duke University lacrosse players were charged with rape.

## PROSTITUTES FOUND DEAD

IPSWICH, England (AP) — The search for a serial killer who preys on prostitutes in eastern England intensified Tuesday with the discovery of two more bodies, and detectives warned sex workers "to get off the streets as soon as possible."

The two bodies found Tuesday have not been identified, but the detective leading the investigation said it was likely they were those of Annette Nicholls and Paula Clennell, two prostitutes who had been missing for days.

Detective Chief Superintendent Stewart Gull of Suffolk police advised Ipswich prostitutes not to go out to work.

"We have got three prostitutes murdered, now possibly another two," he said. "I do not know what stronger warning there can be to get off the streets as soon as possible."

Detectives were already investigating the deaths of three women, whose naked bodies were found a few miles apart. One body was found in a stream, another in a pond and a third in the woods, about 30 yards from a road.

The two bodies discovered Tuesday were lying near Levington, Suffolk, a village about five miles south of Ipswich. The corpses of the five dead women have all been found within a few miles of Ipswich.

The three victims who have been named were identified as Gemma Adams, 25, whose body was found Dec. 2; Tania Nicol, 19, whose body was found Friday; and 24-year-old Anneli Alderton, whose body was found Sunday. Police said Alderton, who was last seen on a train was asphyxiated. It appeared she had been strangled and that she was not sexually assaulted, police said.

The condition of the bodies of Adams and Nicol both of whom were found in water, has prevented investigators from determining a cause of death or whether they were sexually assaulted.

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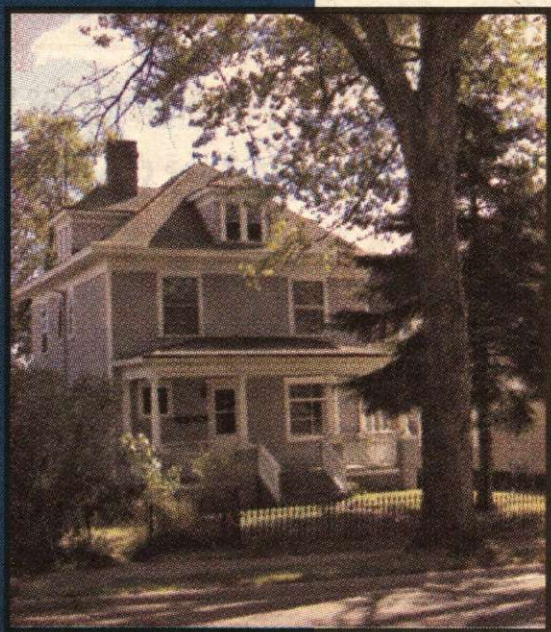
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# UMD campus Safe and Sober

*Police alcohol enforcement increases during the month of December*

By Melissa Schmidt  
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD campus police are carrying the torch for the Safe & Sober campaign, which is designed to reduce alcohol-impaired driving during the month of December. Throughout this month, officers will be cracking down on alcohol-related crimes more than ever.

Safe & Sober is a campaign sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, under which law enforcement agencies provide increased surveillance and enforcement of underage consumption, DUIs and underage drinking and driving.

"I expect there to be many more law enforcement officers patrolling during the campaign, concentrating on alcohol-related offenses," said Sgt. Tim LeGarde, of the UMD campus police.

A large part of the Safe & Sober campaign is education and awareness. The Minnesota Office of Traffic

Safety website, <http://www.dps.state.mn.us/ots/>, lists many sobering statistics of death rates, alcohol-related traffic fatalities and the cost of a DUI or underage consumption ticket. For instance, a DUI can ultimately cost up to \$20,000 once legal fees and insurance

hikes are factored in, according to the website. LeGarde said that by informing students of these facts, they may be more cautious in their actions regarding alcohol.

"I think generally students would be more responsible if they are informed of such things and truly take the time to realize what they mean," said LeGarde. "Unfortunately, a lot of students don't consider these facts until it's too late, after they have already been affected by them."

Safe & Sober also emphasized the importance of being a designated driver, or at least always having one to rely on. LeGarde said that having more designated drivers would help solve some of the alcohol-related traffic problems.

UMD students also have other options for being safe on the roads, such as the Bulldog Taxi Program, where students can sign up and have access to taxi rides for \$2 with a student ID.

"I think students should be encouraged to take a taxi, and should be commended for being one less drunk driver out on the road," said sophomore Stephanie Bruesehoff.

While the actual consequences of alcohol-related offenses will not change, enforcement by police officers will be increased greatly during December.

LeGarde feels that most students will respond positively to the Safe & Sober campaign, but some students may disregard the severity of its purpose.

The goal of Safe & Sober is to cut down alcohol-related deaths and injuries by increasing enforcement, and campus police are very serious about doing their part to keep the roads clear of impaired drivers.

"I can't say it enough: don't drink and drive," said LeGarde. "Use your head, don't be stupid; if you've been drinking, call someone for a ride. And remember, the police will be out in force during this campaign, which means the odds of getting away with it go down considerably."

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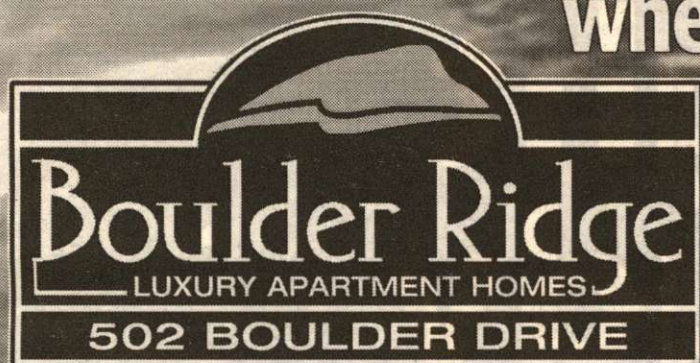
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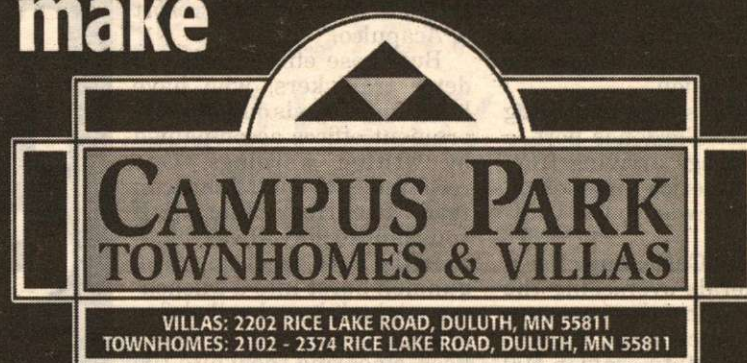


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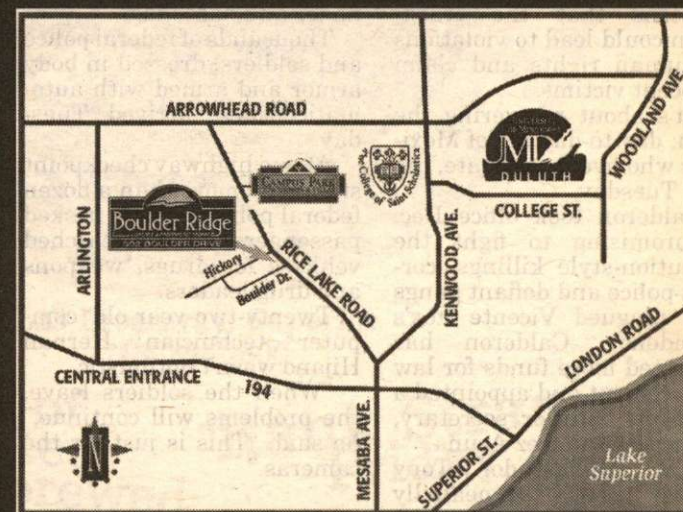
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# Drug clean-up

APATZINGAN, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of troops rolled into a key Mexican drug stronghold Tuesday to set fire to marijuana and opium fields and round up traffickers sent by President Felipe Calderon to restore order in a region where smugglers have defied authorities with beheadings and large-scale drug production.

Navy ships were patrolling the Lazaro Cardenas port, a hub for drugs arriving from Central America and Colombia on their way to the United States.

Cornelio Casio, one of several generals overseeing the operation in the western state of Michoacan Calderon's home state, said 6,500 soldiers and federal police were deployed.

"We are completely focused on this war," he said.

The campaign echoes crackdowns by previous Mexican presidents who repeatedly ordered mass firings of drug-corrupted police, revamped courts, thousands of troops to battle traffickers and accelerated drug seizures, without making much of a dent in the quantity of narcotics crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

In an interview Tuesday with the Televisa network, Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said the operation was aimed at "reconquering territory" controlled by drug gangs.

"It's not just a war against drug lords," he said. "It's a war against the entire criminal structure."

Medina Mora acknowledged drug lords will likely just find another stronghold, saying, "It's a complicated war." But, he added, "It is a war we can win."

Calderon brushed aside concerns that the crackdown could lead to violations of human rights and claim innocent victims.

"It's about recovering the calm, day-to-day life of Mexicans who live in the state," he said Tuesday.

Calderon took office Dec. 1, promising to fight the execution-style killings, corrupt police and defiant gangs that plagued Vicente Fox's presidency. Calderon has budgeted more funds for law enforcement and appointed a hard-line interior secretary, Francisco Ramirez Acuna.

U.S. Ambassador Tony Garza has repeatedly expressed concern about the rising violence, some of which

has spilled into the United States, and the State Department has warned U.S. citizens about travel to Mexico.

Warring cartels have killed at least 2,000 people this year and forced Fox to send troops into the border city of Nuevo Laredo and the beach resort of Acapulco.

But those efforts failed to deter traffickers, who have left human heads outside government offices accompanied by written warnings. One recent message in Michoacan read: "See. Hear. Shut up. If you want to stay alive."

In the most gruesome case, gunmen burst into a Michoacan nightclub and rolled five human heads onto a dance floor, smearing the white-tile floor with blood. In another, a pair of heads were planted in front of a car dealership in Zitacuaro, a town known as a nesting ground for monarch butterflies.

During his six-year term, Fox arrested several drug lords, creating an underworld power vacuum in the country that is the conduit for most of the marijuana, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines in the U.S.

Investigators say the Gulf cartel was encouraged to battle its way into Michoacan following the 2004 arrest of Valencia drug gang leader Armando Valencia and his lieutenant Carlos Alberto Rosales Mendoza, who are allied with Joaquin Guzman's Sinaloa cartel.

Michoacan's rugged, remote mountains are perfect for growing opium and marijuana.

Security experts say it will take more than brute force to defeat the cartels, which are making billions of dollars and have arsenals that include rocket-propelled grenades and bazookas.

Thousands of federal police and soldiers, dressed in body armor and armed with automatic rifles, arrived Tuesday.

At one highway checkpoint staffed by more than a dozen federal police, officers frisked passengers and searched vehicles for drugs, weapons and drug leaders.

Twenty-two-year-old computer technician Hernan Hijano wasn't optimistic.

"When the soldiers leave, the problems will continue," he said. "This is just for the cameras."

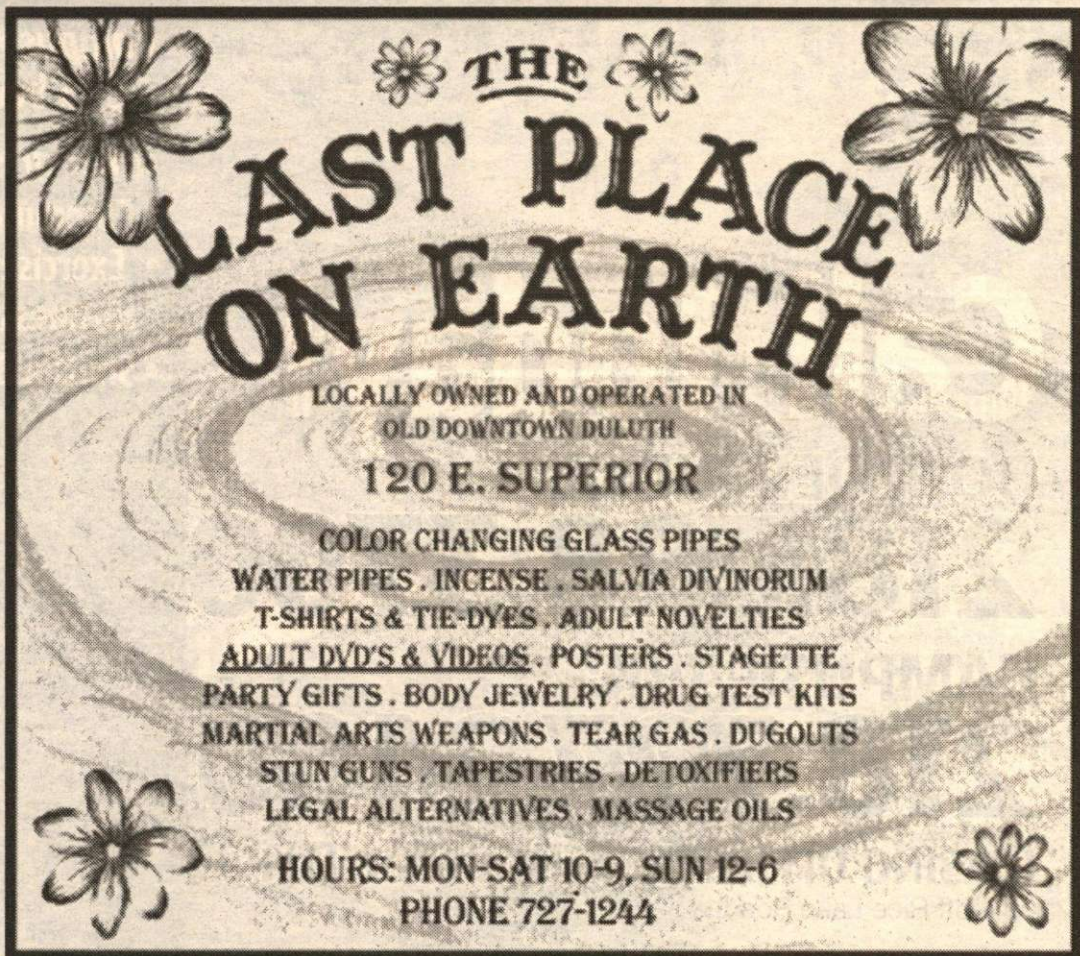
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# Missing Climbers

COOPER SPUR, Ore. (AP) — Cold rain lashed the base of Mount Hood on Wednesday as search parties headed back up the treacherous slopes to look for three climbers missing since the weekend.

A fresh team was joining the search Wednesday, and crews may get some help from heat-seeking, unmanned aircraft provided by a Colorado company and pinpoint cell phone detection equipment from another high-tech company, said Pete Hughes of the Hood River County Sheriff's Department.

Because of poor weather at higher elevations, searchers focused on the mountain's lower canyons on the chance that two climbers who are believed to have gone for help got that far.

"But if anybody is above the 7,000-foot range, we're not going to be able to get to them," Hughes said. "And we're probably not going to be able to get to them by Thursday either, unless there happens to be a break in the weather."

Even at the base camp at Cooper Spur, the wind hit 60 mph Wednesday morning and temperatures hovered in the 30s. At higher elevations, the teams have faced wind so strong it knocked them off their feet, plus poor visibility in blowing snow and a threat of avalanches. More stormy weather was in the forecast.

"Man and machine are at their limits there," said Capt. Christopher Bernard of the Air Force Reserve's 304th

Rescue Squadron.

Plans called for two staging camps on the north and south sides of the mountain so teams can head to the summit quickly if the weather breaks, Hughes said.

There had been no contact with the missing climbers since Sunday, when one reached his family by cell phone to say he was in a snow cave high on the mountain and his two companions had gone for help.

The rescue effort was hampered because the three climbers had taken one of the most difficult approaches to the summit, scaling the north side of the mountain where slopes tilt at angles of 50 or 60 degrees and feature become sheer walls of ice.

Higher flanks of the mountain have been scoured by wind up to 80 mph.

Kelly James, Brian Hall and Jerry "Nikko" Cooke had planned a "quick climb" on Mount Hood, traveling light to make the ascent as fast as possible, officials said.

Cooke, 36, a lawyer from New York City, and Hall, 37, a personal trainer, are believed to have attempted a descent while James, 48, a landscape architect from Dallas, apparently remained near the summit.

Frank James said it wasn't clear from his brother's four-minute cell phone call whether he was injured. His brother did appear to be feeling the effects of the cold and said he was worried about the weather, he said.

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sure the people involved aren't in the same classes.

"One of the questions is, would this be applicable to (underage) alcohol consumption off campus?" Gildseth said in an interview last month. "No, it wouldn't, unless there was some very significant behavior related to it."

The language revisions are purposely vague to fit a variety of situations, Rinehart said.

"While assaults off-campus were a focus of concern, there were other potential acts with significant consequences in which the university would want to be able to use discretion in applying the code," he said.

Sophomore Nick Stephan acknowledged that while violent crimes are a serious issue, students are paying for a service, not to be disciplined.

"Since when is the school a babysitter?" he said.

Nathan Wanderman, Board of Regents student representative for the Twin Cities campus, said that while the conduct code was under review, one of his concerns was to make sure there was

a system of checks and balances, including an appeals process for students.

"The wording is there that would allow an overzealous provost to overstep his bounds and do some damage," he said.

One section that has received a lot of attention is IV, "The Responsibilities of Dual Membership," which states that decisions made under the code will not be "subject to change" even if charges are "dismissed, reduced or resolved" in the criminal justice system.

This part hasn't actually changed that much from the prior code, according to Rinehart, because students are voluntary members of the university and the "rules of evidence" are different than in criminal court.

"As long as due process is provided for the student, if reasonable people conclude that the information available indicates a student was responsible, sanctions could be placed upon the student," Rinehart said. "Even if a criminal court process did not find the student guilty of criminal behavior."

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is its Duluth Housing 1,000 project. The goal is to have at least 1,000 new housing units in the Duluth area by 2010, a third of which are to be affordable housing.

Bell pointed out during his talk that "separation is a big part of poverty." People are treated differently based on what class they are in. Impoverished people have judgments and stereotypes imposed on them. Community Action Duluth's goal is to build relationships across classes to help close the gaps between them.

"It's not just about donating money," said Bell. "You just can't do stuff like this (informational events), you gotta go and do stuff." He added that those having problems need to be involved with the solutions to make them the best solutions.

One way people can get involved is through groups like Gabriel Project. Small shared several events that students can get involved in. These include trips to the capital to increase awareness in the government and vigils. Those interested can go to the CHUM website to learn more.

Another good way for stu-

dents to get involved is through on-campus groups like MPIRG. They meet every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Rafter. There, students can get involved in planning events that highlight social issues like "A Taste of Reality".

As people entered the Rafter, they were seated in one of three areas. Four people were seated at a fancy set table on stage in the front of the room. Thirty had places on chairs and the rest were told to sit on the floor. None were told why there were separate areas.

Those seated on the stage represented the upper class. Those seated with the chairs were the middle class and those sitting on the floor were the lower class. Halfway through the event, three of the middle class people were asked to take a seat on the floor to represent the percentage of people that slip into lower class each year.

When dinner was served, each group went to a designated table to get their food. The upper class was served steak, pork tenderloins, potatoes, served with sparkling grape juice to drink. The middle class had Kool-Aid, Mexican rice and refried beans served on paper plates. The lower class had water

and Mexican rice served in paper cups.

Junior Shauna Overgaard clued into the theme when she was seated on the stage and served. She chose a seat with her back facing the audience, since she knew it would be hard sitting up there watching every one else.

"It was uncomfortable," she said.

Seniors Brian Cornick and Keith Tollefson were both seated in the upper class section. Cornick pointed out that it also was isolating and awkward being served in front of everyone.

This disparity of classes is real. MPIRG chose to show this through the type and quantity of food available to each group. The speakers used this example to show the reality of poverty and the isolation between the classes.

"I had no idea what to expect," said Linda Gokee-Rinda, a freshman and in the middle class.

Steve Wick, also a freshman but seated in the lower class, added that the experience was eye opening.

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# Illegal immigrants found in Minn.

WORTHINGTON, Minn. (AP) — The local Swift & Co. meat processing plant was raided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on Tuesday as part of a nearly yearlong investigation involving identity theft and immigrants who may be in the country illegally.

Five other Swift plants in the U.S. were also raided, and ICE officials said an unknown number of workers were arrested on immigration violations and criminal warrants. The number of people arrested in Worthington was not immediately available.

"For the people that this is happening to today, short of losing a loved one, this is probably the worst day of their life," said Worthington Public Safety Director Mike Cumiskey.

Teresa Ramirez, 42, who is in the U.S. legally, said some workers were bound with plastic cuffs and some women screamed about who would pick up their children.

"Truthfully speaking, they treated us like trash," Veronica Carabantes Maravilla, 33, said through an

interpreter, adding that her daughter had to bring Maravilla's green card to the plant. "They treated the legals and illegals alike."

Processing lines at the Worthington plant were shut down and only authorities were allowed to come and go while employees were questioned. Members of the immigrant community were worried about relatives and loved ones, and educators expressed concern for children who might be affected.

"I could guess if parents leave, they would probably go with them," said Betty McAllister, the district's director of special programs. "It's got to be hard on the kids, though."

The district superintendent worried that some children might go home from school to find their parents gone.

"I'm hoping there's a list of names or ways for us to check on these kids," said Superintendent John Landgaard.

As of Tuesday evening, the Nobles County Family Service Agency had not yet received any reports of children left unattended.

About 2,300 people work at the Swift plant in Worthington, where they slaughter and process about 16,000 hogs a day.

ICE chief Julie L. Myers told reporters in Washington that illegal immigrants and others had stolen or bought the identities and Social Security numbers of perhaps hundreds of U.S. citizens and lawful residents. She said some immigrants had genuine U.S. birth certificates.

ICE has been working with the Federal Trade Commission on the investigation since February, said Tim Counts, an ICE spokesman in Minnesota.

Those in the country illegally were being arrested and placed into what Counts called removal or deportation proceedings.

"Anyone arrested has the right to a hearing before a federal immigration judge, and that can take a while," Counts said. "If a judge orders them deported, they have the right to appeal to a higher board of immigration appeals."

Counts said the arrests

were conducted legally, and that children are taken into consideration.

"This is something we deal with every day," he said. "People who we arrest sometimes have children."

A toll-free hot line was set up for family members who wanted to know whether a loved one had been arrested. The number was (866) 341-3858.

Meanwhile, the school system braced for potential fallout.

"We lose funding from the state when we don't have kids in our building," said district Superintendent John Landgaard. "So there's some long-term financial issues that could be raised on this."

About 31 percent of the students in the Worthington School District are Latino, and those students bring in 34 percent of the funding, according to a 2006 study by the Center for Rural Policy and Development. Those students' parents may or may not be illegal immigrants.

"The last time they did this, our numbers went down for a while. It does jeopardize our funding. We are funded based on the number of participants," said adult basic

education instructor Marty Olsen.

It will probably be a few days before area educators know the full effect of the raid, which was criticized by some.

"The ICE action was totally uncalled for," said Jim Papian, with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which represents Swift workers. "This is scapegoating. ... This really is about a totally broken-down immigration system; an immigration system."

"On a purely human level, there are hundreds if not thousands of people in Worthington who are just terrified," added Bruce Nestor, a Minneapolis immigration attorney who planned to go to Worthington to help those affected.

Nestor said the workers who were arrested were taken to Sioux Falls, S.D.

No charges have been filed against the company.

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The rebate money is then used on campus to do other projects to save energy, said Rashid.

Over the course of campus construction projects such as: Weber Hall, new additions of Griggs, the Library, the Kirby Plaza renovation and Swenson Science, UMD has received approximately \$250,000 in rebates from MP, according to Rashid.

Specializing in LEED cer-

tification projects is LHB Architects' Vice President and Principal Architect James Brew. With offices in Duluth and the Twin Cities, LHB has partaken in big-name projects such as overseeing the LEED certification of the \$76 million Saint Mary's Duluth Clinic (SMDC) expansion.

"Some of the best strategies we use are for high performance motors and heat recovery," said Brew. "Heating is not a big issue in commercial buildings today. Most commercial buildings with people, computers and lights are cooled year-round, or primarily cooled."

Brew estimates that the cost of LEED-certifying SMDC is about \$500,000, which he hopes will attain 'Gold,' while Rashid speculates that it will cost the new LSBE \$150,000 for 'certified' LEED status.

However, achieving LEED status isn't easy, as the U.S. GBC has set stringent guide-

lines. For the LSBE, LEED mandates that "certified" projects achieve at least 40 percent of core credits, while SMDC must achieve at least 60 percent for "gold" status.

Very few credits in LEED areas are as simple as checking off the box that you did it," said Brew. "There's more often than not some supporting data or calculations and requirements that show and track the things that you did."

Some students at UMD are in favor of saving energy despite possibility of increased tuition and university fee rates.

"I'd like tuition to be cheaper," said senior accounting major David Sharpe. "In the long-run, if it's for the environment and the building is going to be there forever, it makes sense to do this because new standards are coming up."

According to the University of Minnesota website, the state of Minnesota is cov-

ering most (\$15.3 million) of the tab, while the Labovitz family and UMD are contributing \$4.5 and \$3.2 million respectively.

"I don't like the fact that it costs more in tuition," said junior marketing major Jayme Wallace. "Potentially, it saves us (students) because of the energy we're saving in the long-run. In the current business school class sizes are small, there's no good airflow, and it's just not a very good learning environment right now."

Speaking of trying to save energy, since the Gulf Coast hurricanes last year, UMD's energy expenditures have skyrocketed.

"In 2002 we spent about \$2.2 million," said Rashid referring to UMD's total utility expenditures. In 2004 we spent about \$3.2 million, and in 2005, it jumped to about \$4.7 million in total utilities."

UMD is also taking part in recycling in order to make its

campus greener.

"In one month's time, 18 tons of paper, glass and cardboard are recycled," said Rashid. "Just to give you an idea, our recycled waste amount out of our total waste stream ranges from roughly 40 to 50 percent. That's pretty good, but we could be doing better."

When it comes to saving energy and recycling, Brew denotes the priority of the environment before financial savings.

"People who do LEED projects obviously have higher values and more interest in the environment and human health than just saving a few bucks on energy performance," he said.

Brew is also overseeing the LEED certification of the Life Science renovation.

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# EDITORIAL

Thursday, December 14, 2006

## THE STATESMAN

Our View is prepared by the Editorial Board which operates independently from the newsroom.

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### Our View

As journalists, our top priority is accuracy in reporting. The Editorial Board at *The Statesman* takes the responsibility of delivering accurate information very seriously. There's nothing more useless than a newspaper that can't get it's facts straight, which is why we are deeply embarrassed to have to print this editorial.

Last week, due to lapse in our fact-checking process (or more accurately a communication breakdown), we said that one individual owns all of the restaurants on campus, and we stated that UMD, through its auxiliary services department, had sold the food court monopoly to the highest bidder.

Those statements were inaccurate. The dining center is run by auxiliary services. The profit from food sales does not fill the coffers of any individual. Rather the money stays within the University, which is certainly preferable.

While we stand by our belief that the food in the food court is expensive given its quality, and that some competition would be good for students as consumers, we don't feel food prices alone merit an editorial. The

purpose of the editorial was not to point out that food on our campus is expensive, but to point out that consumers at UMD suffer from a lack of options.

*The Statesman* is proud to be your source for information regarding UMD and the surrounding community. We have taken it upon ourselves to print this retraction because we don't take the trust of our readers lightly or for granted.

We have systems in place to prevent mistakes, but they are not foolproof. In journalism, as in any other profession, human errors do occur. What's important is that when we do make mistakes we want you to find out about it from us.

Or we could find out from you. We would like to encourage our readers to correct us when we're wrong by writing letters to the editor. Reader feedback is enormously useful for us as we try to improve from week to week.

We apologize to all of our readers and we thank you for your continued readership as we strive to bring you the most accurate and unbiased reporting possible.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Feminism isn't the same as liberalism*

Two weeks prior an article was written in *the Statesman* claiming many false notions about feminism and gender roles in general. I read this article first with frustration, and then I read it again and realized that this person just has preconceived stereotypes about feminism and feminists in general. The "F" word isn't received with open arms yet because no one understands it, or is willing to give it a chance. Feminism is too deep and complex to be oversimplified with stereotypes.

Feminists aren't a bunch of man-hating, butch-lesbian, bra-burning, abortionists that you hear being bashed on the "O'Reilly Factor" or by Newt Gingrich. Not every feminist is über-liberal or a Democrat, Pro-Choice or even female. The population of male feminists is growing and gaining more support.

I am a feminist. I believe in equality for all: women, men, transgender, homosexual, Black, white, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American, Middle Eastern or whoever you are. Fighting for rights and bringing awareness of the taboo or "less-important" issues is the essence of feminism and what I stand for.

One of the claims from *the Statesman* article was that feminism caused women to loathe the role of a housewife. This is a false statement. The role of motherhood is very

important and I would never discredit it, neither would feminism. There is room in the feminist credo for the traditional women's role and motherhood in society, but it can't be limited to these roles. Women are best for whichever role they choose. There is nothing degrading about staying at home with your children and raising a family. What is wrong, however, is that the female gender role requires that she HAS to.

What's wrong with the husband or partner staying at home while the woman is the breadwinner? Compassion, understanding and warmth are good traits in everyone, not just in women. Men are perfectly capable of staying home and raising children if they choose to. And women are perfectly capable of being full time professionals.

In our society women and men aren't equal. They're not equal because of gender role stereotypes. Women have been pigeonholed as the caretakers and homemakers for thousands of years in many societies, but not in all. Our society thinks that just because it's the way things have always been done in our culture, it's the way it should be. Women can't be valued less just because they have a vagina and not a penis.

Women should stay home, bare children, cook and clean and be satisfied with their life. Well some women are,

but what about those who want to do something else with their life? What the reporter forgot is where feminism has taken our society. Without the feminist movement she couldn't have even written her article last week. Journalism used to be only a man's profession. Her right to choose to report and write her opinion is a right she has taken for granted.

This is not an attack on the journalist, women who aren't feminists and people who don't believe in feminism; it's OK if you don't believe because it's your right to choose.

Feminism is a movement of progress for equality, not sameness, and embraces the individual. Feminism unites people from all different backgrounds. It inspires people to come together and stand up for their beliefs. It gives hope to people who had none. It is the reason lives have been saved, social causes have been rectified, cultural ideologies have been shifted and given women the right to vote, own property, go to college, be a firefighter, even write for a newspaper and have an opinion to voice of their own.

You don't have to believe in my cause or anyone else's but, but don't mock what you don't understand.

Know yourself.

Mitch Benson

### Letters to the Editor and Guest Columns

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### *Ignorant minds are the real source of hate crimes*

So when things such as the murals being stolen from the multicultural center and the old vandalizing of the Swenson seem to be acts of hatred, people should consider where such ignorant minds receive their misconceptions. These people believe that by upsetting another they will feel better. I have been considering it and I remain lost.

What makes someone decide one day that they want to act out and make everyone mad? Everyone deserves to

live free of hatred, racism and stereotypes. Our ancestors battled these things for a long time. What can we do? There has to be some way to pro-actively help secure a less hate-filled future for the next generation.

Those who protested after the incident with the Multicultural Center murals were doing right by displaying their voice. Without really saying anything, they said, "hey look, don't ignore this problem. It won't go away

unless people deal with it."

Somehow people need to get involved with mentoring youth, friends, enemies and co-workers to shape and form a mind that will work towards a solution to these acts of madness. Honestly, stop sitting back and watching these incidents like a 3C second dishwasher soap commercial between your evening television viewings. Do you even have a voice?

Melissa Woolridge



# OPINION

Thursday, December 14, 2006



Rahm Emanuel, Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer, aren't scrambling to endorse recommendations of the Iraq Study Group, a tactic that leaves President Bush alone to salvage the war.

## Thoughts and theories worthless without actions and experiences

By Vlady Messing  
Statesman Staff Reporter

Intellectual thought, my friends, is cheap. It's by means of action that the world is shaped, defined and changed. The real world isn't in the theories in our textbooks; it's in the world of experience.

Granted, intellectual thought and experience are inevitably linked, but it's the latter that bears true value and significance. It's experience that gives life meaning. History is neither in history books nor in the minds or pens of historians and professors. It is within the daily events that arise globally on any scale small or large.

Instantiating this philosophy to evaluate the importance of the recent Iraq Study Group I write: what a f\*!\$\*!g joke. Another bipartisan bureaucracy composed by Congress, this time to "seriously" analyze and evaluate the situation in Iraq. Another think-tank of dried up politicians, all eager to express their professional "expertise" before an ignorant puppet they addressed as "Mr. President." The outcome of this group will not exceed their published work, The Iraq Study Group Report. In other words, we will not find the theoretical results published in this book within the real world of experience. Just wait and see; or wait and don't see. Nonetheless, the worthlessness of theoretical jargon goes beyond political bureaucracies; it applies to

all institutions.

All you deans and professors who proudly submit your opinions regarding current global issues and believe them to be of high intellectual merit — sitting in your office's with one leg crossed over the other, speaking on today's issues while a multitude of books authored by great genius's rest on your office shelves; I write, how worthless your opinions truly are! How pointless your academic jargon! Your knowledge and sophistication is not going to take away the pain of the mourning mother who recently lost her son or daughter in Iraq.

### Another bipartisan bureaucracy, this time to "seriously" evaluate the situation in Iraq.

Likewise all you students of political science, philosophy, international studies, etc. who discuss and argue amongst yourselves about current events; employing the theories and concepts you've learned from your assigned books and lectures — how pointless are your discussions and arguments! What fools you are!

you are!

I, too, am a fool, and this article is insignificant. Now I count myself among you "intelligent" clowns, for the very nature of this article contradicts its argument.

But realize: our opinions, discussions and arguments are only worthless, pointless and insignificant within themselves. It's when we act upon them that they gain value. Life is shaped and defined by action, not theories.

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## Has college always been this expensive?

By Andrew Hatle  
Statesman Staff Reporter

The other day I pulled myself out of my drunken stooper to go and pay my tuition because apparently you need to pay for the fall semester before you can register for the spring semester. Go figure.

Plus, I figured I kind of owe it to the parents to keep this whole college thing up. I mean if I had it my way, I'd be in South Beach Miami sleeping on the beach and organizing Hobo fights in my spare time. Sorry. I was day dreaming.

I strolled into the Darland building with my calm and cool demeanor, whipped out my check and stood in line. It was then — at that very moment — that I noticed how much college costs at a four-year institution.

See I'm a junior college transfer student, and I am damn proud of it, for the most part. But I'm not used to seeing that many zeros in one place. My point is this: last time I spent ten grand on something I knew exactly what was in it because there was a big-ass sticker on the window telling me what was in it.

You guessed it. Cars are usually a big step for anyone in society and so is college. Cars come with a detailed record of history and what they are composed of. If you bought a car and had no idea what the hell was in it, you'd be pretty pissed off wouldn't you?

You can imagine what happened to me when the woman in Darland couldn't tell me how much of my tuition goes back to the students, or to the bus lines or where any of it goes. She

could only point to a list of things that made no sense to me, like the student fee. Yeah, I am a student, but what the hell is that fee for? Am I being punished?

I apologized after I let out some of my aggression because I'm not a total prick, and she isn't the right channel. With this big of an investment, I would like to know where my ten thousand dollars over nine months goes. Wouldn't you?

I want to know if there is a surplus left over for some better playground equipment for the nursery or some

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money to get that damn desk down in row E of Bohannon Hall 90. My knee gets really sore hitting it constantly.

I am not demanding a precise audit of every penny to graze the counter in Darland, but I would like an idea, maybe

a decoder ring for that student fee.

I'm not a business major. I get the fact the state pays for some stuff, but I pay taxes too. I am the state.

Nothing too fancy. I was just wondering how much of the fee goes to our beloved teaching staff and how much for our janitors? How much are people getting that they don't deserve, and are those that are deserving receiving? This might even start a trend in other businesses, and then maybe, we can see another Enron on the horizon before it happens.

We are consumers. We are consuming thoughts and ideas just like a delicious gordita crunch from Taco Bell. Not saying I care, but I could find out what is in my gordita crunch if I asked, and that's only a \$1.83.

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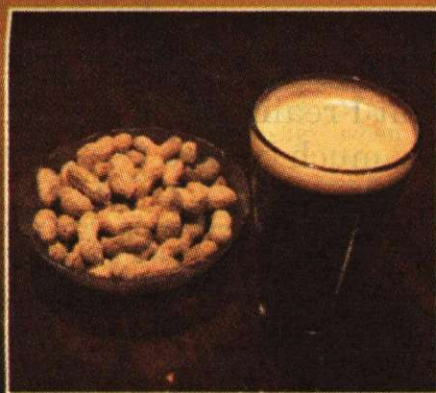
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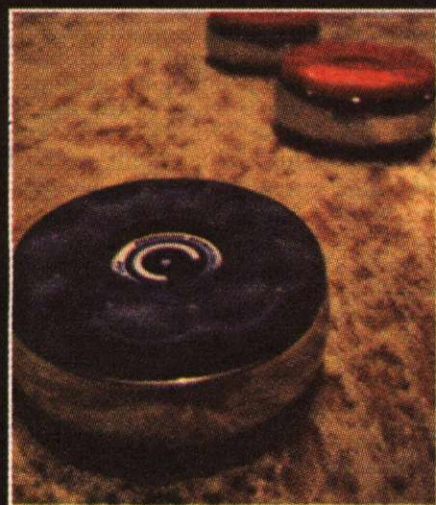
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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Movie season includes something for everyone

By Renae Conrad  
Statesman Staff Reporter

Shopping, gifts, finals, traditions and travel; the holiday season is inevitably among us. While some enjoy all the **REVIEW** norms that go along with this time of year, others would rather practice passivity towards the holiday phenomenon.

Whether you want to enjoy the season or avoid it, there are many enticing holiday movies this season for all types of audiences, including comedy, drama and horror.

One romantic comedy that isn't celebratory of the season but acknowledges many of the cross-cultural emotions associated with this time of year is "The Holiday." This movie isn't about seasonal celebrations, but it's about a "holiday" or vacation from everyday life.

The plot is comprised of two women, Amanda Woods (Cameron Diaz) and Iris Simpkins (Kate Winslet), who are located on opposite sides of the Atlantic. Fed-up and heartbroken with their current lives, they agree to switch homes out of total desperation. While trying to escape their romantic situations and men in general, these two women find love and in doing so, learn more about themselves.

Amanda, who has been unable to cry since a very young age, learns how to feel emotion and compassion after



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Jude Law and Cameron Diaz star in the movie "The Holiday."

meeting Iris' brother Graham (Jude Law). Winslet, an emotional train wreck desperate to get over an ex-boyfriend, seeks strength and disclosure in her elderly neighbor, Arthur Abbot (Eli Wallach). Abbot, a retired screen-writer, teaches Winslet methods of power, assertiveness and self-control through leading ladies of classic films. Winslet finally gains control over her life and finds companionship in the charmingly witty Miles (Jack Black).

Overall, the movie is exciting, hilarious and heartfelt. The chemistry between all the characters is refreshing and obvious.

If a romantic comedy doesn't sound appealing to you, there are plenty of other movies this season to choose from. Other comedies include

"Deck the Halls," "The Santa Clause 3" and "Unaccompanied Minors."

If you're into religious-themed movies, you might be interested in checking out "The Nativity Story," a dramatic biblical adaption surrounding faith.

If horror is your genre of choice, "Black Christmas," which according to movies.com is a remake of a 1974 horror film, opens on Christmas Day.

With wide varieties of holiday movies in every genre hitting the theaters this season, a good movie may be just the right thing to get you in the holiday spirit.

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## Music department excited for changes

By David Introwitz-Williams  
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The UMD music department is looking toward the new year with promise. With the arrival of Interim Department Chair Jeanne Doty, the department is looking to strengthen its assets as well as expand what it offers to students.

Doty, who stepped into her new position on June 1, has been involved with UMD on and off since 1985. She previously chaired the department's keyboard and piano section. Doty is excited to be involved again with the music department, a branch of UMD's School of Fine Arts.

"UMD is the only university institution in Minnesota with a separate School of Fine Arts," said Doty. "This gives us in the department a unique sense of freedom and resources."

Among the most important changes in the department from last year is the purchase of 18 new pianos, both grand and upright. The decision to purchase them was one out of necessity but was a welcome one.

"We used to lease our pianos," said Doty. "When the company decided to not lease anymore, we made the logical decision to buy our own."

The department is in the process of developing a CD, which would consist of an overview of performances from Weber Music Hall since its opening and would likely be used to enhance recruitment. This CD should be finished by January. In addition, Doty revealed that a

new degree in music technology will be introduced by the department in the near future.

The upcoming year will be host to several exciting events. In May of '07, choir and orchestra ensembles will be going to Turkey as part of an international exchange concert program. Also in '07, UMD will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Weber Music Hall.

Student response to the new changes have been generally positive.

According to junior Jeff Culp, the department made changes based on student opinion.

"It seemed like the department cared about what students had to say (from last year)," said Culp. "There's an atmosphere of openness, a lot of important stuff came out. There's a lot more student involvement now."

Freshman Erik Leist agrees.

"It's great that it's such an open format," said Leist. "You can go and get feedback from your peers about pieces you are working on... the people who are there really care about music and are serious about performing well."

Doty is optimistic about what the future has in store for the department and looks forward to the rest of the 2006-07 academic year.

"We hope to continue to grow, to find more space for our growing department and to develop our curriculum to serve the needs of students in the new millennium," she said.

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## Entertainment Spotlight

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# Kick cabin fever & embrace the cold

By Aaron Giannobile  
Statesman Staff Reporter

It's cold, and getting colder, or at least, it won't get a whole lot warmer for the next three months.

Instead of getting into an indoor funk that may lead to a serious condition of seasonal affective disorder, there are plenty of unique ways to embrace the frigid icebox that is the Duluth winter.

The Seventh Annual Polar Bear Plunge is set to take place on the bayside of Lake Superior on Feb. 3 to help benefit the Minnesota Special Olympics. Last year, 382 plungers jumped in a hole cut in the ice and raised over \$51,000 for the cause.

Sledding has always been a cheap alternative to downhill snowboarding and skiing that can stretch a college student's budget and even dip into the beer fund. Bagley Nature Area offers plenty of decent hills, and if a sled is not attainable, rumor

has it that Dining Center trays move fast on the snow.

UMD's Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) offers planned and unique winter activities that are very accessible to students with many open to beginners.

RSOP Climbing Director Kaija Webster along with UMD student help will organize and lead ice climbing trips for this winter and RSOP will provide all necessary equipment.

"A lot of people really like the setting," said Webster. "A beautiful frozen waterfall on a frozen river."

It's not uncommon to celebrate an ice climb with a painful case of the "screaming pukies," where the blood rushes back into the climbers' hands creating a pain that nauseates some climbers.

"It's a combination of cold temperatures, hands above the head and squeezing the ice tools," said Webster.

An intro session is scheduled for the evening of Feb. 7 in Chester Bowl where students can try some shorter ice features lit by lanterns and headlamps, according to Webster.

The RSOP will also have a winter camping clinic in the beginning of February that will help prepare for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area winter camping and ice fishing weekend trip taking place later in the month.

"I think a lot of people are afraid of winter," said Emily Gustafson, senior outdoor education major. "Once you realize you can do it, it gives you a sense of pride and some good winter skills."

As for some of the typical and more conventional winter sports, try:

Cross country skiing along the snow-covered shore of Park Point, which can provide a serene and tranquil work-out. Just beware of the lunatic jacked on adrenaline after training for the

Polar Bear Plunge.

Friday nights at Spirit welcome college students out to take advantage of cheap \$10 lift tickets, cheap beer and live music. If fast snow and twisted college students aren't a winning combination, what is?

Snowshoeing in Hartley Park offers a winter escape close to the UMD campus. In addition to two cross-country ski loops, the maze of single-track trails that lie to the north west are perfect for a winter hike in the woods.



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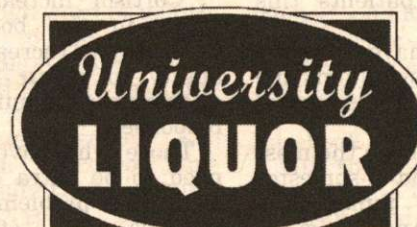
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# Semester stress takes toll on students

By Lisa Kunkel  
Statesman Staff Reporter

With overwhelming end-of-semester projects, finals and holiday shopping, students need to look for ways to relax before stress takes its toll.

Shelly DeCaigny, the Health Educator at UMD Health Services, said that many medical personnel are seeing a lot of stress-related symptoms in patients this time of year.

"Students have already been noticing symptoms the week before finals," said DeCaigny.

"I think it's been the most stressful end-of-semester I've ever had," junior Gina Wilken said. "And this is my third year."

Stress can cause more than just irritability, actual physical symptoms can display themselves and cause a variety of negative effects on the body.

"When you have a stressor, which is anything that causes change, your body goes into a stress response mode," said DeCaigny.

Two hormones, Adrenaline

and Cortisol, are released by a chain of reactions set off by the Hypothalamus (a tiny region at the base of your brain).

"Adrenaline is an energy rush, which can be good if you're dealing with short term stress," said DeCaigny.

It causes sudden bursts of energy which may cause people to want to go for a run or do something constructive.

"Cortisol increases blood sugar in the body," said DeCaigny. "Increasing the ability to repair tissue by altering the immune system responses."

Those who have diabetes need to be extra careful to avoid this problem because, in this case, stress can become very dangerous.

In the long run, Cortisol causes the body to become less able to fight off sickness, DeCaigny said.

Some of the more common symptoms of stress include a sudden stomach ache or diarrhea caused by a slowed digestive system.

This often happens to people before a test or big game and is often a sign of nervous-

ness.

These symptoms are fine if they only occur once in a while but can be more serious if continuous. If this is the case, students should seek help, according to DeCaigny.

General aches and pains are also common symptoms of stress. Often times, people get headaches or muscle tension in the neck and shoulders. Others may experience sleeping problems, which can be caused by either worries or physical pain.

"It's been a lot of late nights with coffee," Wilken said. "I'm planning on pulling an all-nighter sometime this week."

Many students use this same strategy in order to accomplish everything before deadlines.

Tiredness and exhaustion, as well as an increase or decrease in appetite are also common symptoms.

"Finals are like the flu," said sophomore Adam Buckentine. "It's better when it's all over."

This is one positive thing to look forward to with finals, once they're done, students

can enjoy their holiday vacation.

"The symptoms vary with everyone," said DeCaigny.

Though many of these symptoms seem common and not too severe, if they are ongoing, they can become serious.

"People could see more long term effects such as heart disease, depression and memory impairment," said DeCaigny.

Other long term effects include high blood pressure and heart disease.

DeCaigny shared some of her own personal advice on ways students can deal with stress.

"Ideally, you want to have a stress reliever that you'll do often," she said.

Some of these things may include listening to music, going for a walk or getting a massage.

"I think it depends on the person," said DeCaigny.

Everyone has different ideas as to what is relaxing and what one person may find calming, another may not.

"We go to Cold Stone to

relieve our stress," said Wilken. "It's a way to just get away from everything for a while."

Sometimes, all students need is a short and simple getaway where they can find time to relax and not think about school.

"I just try not to let the stress get to me," said Buckentine.

Keeping your stress under control is always very important.

"The main thing to prevent stress is to prioritize," said DeCaigny. "Be prepared and try to study throughout the week. Do the best you can and try not to be too hard on yourself."

DeCaigny also said that there are a lot of resources on campus such as study groups and teacher help sessions that may help to relieve stress prior to exams.

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# Darfur humanitarian effort failing

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Food and other basic relief is not reaching thousands in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan, despite what the United Nations calls the world's biggest humanitarian effort.

Over a dozen aid workers have also been slain in recent months, and spiraling violence has forced many to pull out. Seventy-four World Food Program vehicles have been attacked and one driver has been killed since a peace treaty was signed in May between Khartoum and one of several rebel factions in Darfur. Other rebels rejected the deal.

Violence has been increasing and last month, in the worst looting yet, Arab tribal fighters known as janjaweed ripped apart a WFP warehouse and took 800 tons of food in the rebel stronghold of Bir Maza as government forces assaulted the town.

Over 200 U.N. and aid workers have had to leave remote outposts and refugee camps and some of the region's main towns — like the North Darfur capital of El

Fasher, which last week was also looted by janjaweed.

Meanwhile, some 200 World Food Program trucks are being blocked by the government from reaching Darfur, said Kenro Oshidari, the Sudan director for the U.N. agency.

Janjaweed are not the only dangers. Three water engineers working with the U.N. Children's Fund were killed in June by refugees who thought they came to poison a well rather than fix it. Nine others were abducted in October and five are still being held, said UNICEF spokesman Edward Carwardine.

"Security is our most serious impediment throughout Darfur," he said.

The U.N. has called the Darfur conflict the world's worst humanitarian crisis. More than 200,000 people have been killed and more than 2.5 million driven from their homes in the three-year fight between the government and ethnic African rebels. The government is accused of unleashing the janjaweed to help put down the revolt,

and the militia is accused of widespread atrocities against civilians.

The U.N. Human Rights Council held an emergency meeting Tuesday in Geneva to assess just how bad the crisis has become in Darfur.

"Food security is one of the most basic human rights, and it's constantly being challenged in Darfur," said Oshidari.

The WFP is the sole source of food for some 1.8 million people in Darfur, who without the U.N.'s help would starve because they fear marauding militias will kill or rape them if they leave the refugee camps to cultivate their fields. The WFP provides part of the dietary needs for nearly a million more people.

But it now cannot reach some 100,000 others, a number that fluctuates widely as lines of combat change, who are in desperate need, leaving them to rely on their own resources to find food. A few months ago, as many as 470,000 people were out of reach.

Nearly 1 million tons of food have been delivered to

Darfur, at a cost of more than \$1 billion since April 2004. Some 15,000 Sudanese and international aid workers have been mobilized for the effort, which has created the longest supply line in Africa, with trucks going 1,800 miles, a third on unpaved roads, from a Red Sea port to the West Darfur town of El Geneina near the Chadian border.

WFP officials say they have brought the malnutrition rate below emergency levels in Darfur since 2005.

But two years ago, the WFP could freely access all of Darfur, a vast, landlocked region of western Sudan that is nearly the size of Texas.

"Now we have to fly by helicopter" to many locations because of dangerous roads," Oshidari said.

The magnitude of the relief can be measured at the WFP's transit warehouse, a set of industrial-sized buildings on the outskirts of Khartoum.

Early Tuesday morning, workers busily unloaded 100 pound bags of rice from massive trailer trucks, each of

which can carry more than 80 tons of food. The supplies were to be put on smaller trucks that can navigate the unpaved roads out to Darfur.

"Today isn't a busy day, we only have 1,000 tons to handle," said Lemma Bayissa, a WFP logistician. "At times, we've had to work until midnight to get all the bags through," he said, pointing at the sacks from the US Agency for International Development, which provides half of the food for Darfur.

Aid agencies warn yet another peril could be looming: donor fatigue.

The WFP had to reduce food rations this year because it was lacking cash. Though Oshidari is confident international donors will provide most of the \$685 million needed for 2007, he wonders what will come next.

He fears the crisis could just drag on, with aid workers in Darfur barely helping people survive.

"A political solution has to be found," he said. "Or donors will tire."





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# Techniques to get net'working'

*Build relationships with employers*

By Jackie Zahorsky  
Statesman Staff Reporter

Eighty percent of jobs are filled through word-of-mouth, according to the "College Career Bible (CCB) of 2005".

"It's all about socializing and getting to know people," said senior Rob Winterfeld. "Once you market yourself, they, in turn, can market you."

Graduating this December, Winterfeld has already started establishing contacts.

Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Dr. Gerald Pepper said that students should avoid making the biggest mistake when it comes to job seeking.

"Companies don't hire résumés," said Pepper. "They hire relationships."

Career Services Counselor Sonja Olsen sees the same pattern in Job Fairs. Students are attending the fairs, dropping off their résumés, and leaving.

"This just shows they're not that interested in the company," said Olsen.

There are many ways to start networking. The CCB said to start with familiar faces like family members and friends. It also mentions that using alumni as resources, interning and setting up informational interviews can create more contacts.

Pepper said informational interviews are not job interviews. They're short meetings over coffee with someone working in the area you're interested in. They can give you an edge when they're hiring by knowing who you are and how interested you are in their company.

"During these informational interviews, bring your résumé," said Pepper. "That way, you can see what they like and don't like about it."

Senior Katelyn Rogers is pre-med and hasn't done

anything to establish more contacts.

"It's kind of hard to answer because we are just put somewhere," said Rogers. "I guess our professors and residency will be our main contacts."

Mixed reactions came from internet networks such as Facebook and MySpace.

"It's the next instant messenger," said Winterfeld.

Olsen said the networks can be useful in looking for a job.

"Our philosophy about Facebook and MySpace is using it for the positive," said Olsen.

Pepper says it's a way a person can maximize their opportunities.

In March of 2005, the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce launched a group called Duluth Young Professionals (DYP). One of their main goals mentioned is to assist young people in building their professional network.

"With DYP, students and recent alumni can talk with other people in their boat," said Olsen.

DYP also has a mentoring program and has attracted over 550 members in its first year.

It's never too early to start networking because a person's network can always grow, according to Olsen. Pepper recommends networking for a job one semester before you graduate.

Both Olsen and Pepper agree the hardest part about networking is making those calls that put you out there.

"This is your one chance to experiment," said Pepper. "Get out there and meet people."

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# Watch the ball drop and make your bad habits stop

By Ted Norgaard  
Statesman Staff Reporter

Is New Year's Eve a good time to enact life changing resolutions or just one last chance to party before the New Year?

Two years ago senior Ron Archer made a New Year's Resolution that he stuck to.

"I made a resolution to get in shape, lose some weight and to overall be healthier," said Archer. "I was able to get back into the swing of things."

Archer feels the reason he was effectively able to complete his resolution is because he was working at The Marsh, a health club in Minnetonka, Minn. He has worked there for about five years and plans on working there over winter break.

While working past winters Archer has noticed a surge in new customers at the beginning of every new year.

"Our highest amount of memberships sold is during January, right after New Year's," said Archer. "We usually give deals around January because people are just coming in for what seems to be a month. They have good overall intentions at first, but it ends up that they don't have time for it in the long run."

Freshman Tabinda Hasan hasn't made any resolutions yet. She may not make any this year because she doesn't like breaking them.

"My mom thinks I should make one," said Hasan. "I did make one last year. It was basically to plan stuff ahead of time and not wait

for the last moment. I don't think I followed it."

Should she make a resolution this year, her list of probable candidates are time management, more sleep and to have a generally easier-going attitude.

Sophomore Andrea Sweazy will not be making any resolutions this New Year's.

"Right now there's nothing about my life that I want to change," said Sweazy. "I like my life the way it is."

It's not that she has a problem with them, but she is sometimes skeptical of the reasoning behind them.

"It depends on what people make their New Year's resolutions on," said Sweazy. "If they say they are going to stop eating cookies or something, I think that's pretty dumb. But if it's something serious that they want to change about their life it's good."

She also added that she thinks most of the time people don't even keep their resolutions.

Professor Jerrold Peterson has been teaching economics at UMD for 38 years. Throughout his years at UMD, Peterson has had a reoccurring New Year's resolution.

"Usually I start the year by resolving to exercise more than I did the last year," said Peterson. "It never works. But it might this year. My wife seems to have me on a regime now that might make this one work."

Peterson's spotty record of resolving his New Year's resolutions nearly makes him an expert on why they fail.

"They force you to do things

you ordinarily wouldn't do or haven't done," said Peterson. "It's hard to change your lifestyle from whatever it is, to some new way of doing something, particularly if you've been doing those things for most of your life."

This year there's a new resolution on Peterson's list.

"I'm resolving to retire at the beginning of 2007," said Peterson. "Actually Jan. 10."

He describes this resolution as "tight," meaning it's one he will keep.

Fifth year senior Saad Rasouli doesn't have any New Year's resolutions, it could be said that he doesn't care for them.

"I think it's kind of silly that at one point of the year you actually have to make a resolution to change something," said Rasouli. "What makes that one day so special?"

Professor Peterson can answer that.

"It's the beginning of a fresh new year, I mean good grief; that's the time you try to do most of those things," said Peterson. "Hopefully, you keep those resolutions at least into February."

Rasouli and Peterson don't see eye to eye on New Year's resolutions. But when it comes to this special time of year, there is something this student and teacher do agree on, a happy New Year to all.

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# The past behind our Christmas present

By Danielle Tideman  
Statesman Staff Reporter

It's the most wonderful time of the year, or so the song says. Part of this "wonderfulness" comes from the familiarity of Christmas traditions.

However, most of us remain unaware why people place gifts under a tree each December, pucker-up under the mistletoe and tell our kids that a man on the verge of obesity can fit down our chimneys with such great ease.

For starters, most people can easily name all of Santa's reindeer that were first penned by Episcopal minister Clement Clarke Moore in his 1822 poem "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas," according to UMD History Professor Scott Laderman.

However, the name of Rudolph was never mentioned in the original eight. Apparently, no one did include him in those 'reindeer games.'

Rudolph made his first appearance in 1939 in a giveaway booklet from Montgomery Ward, an American department store.

"A fact which perhaps well illustrates the commercial nature of modern Christmas celebrations," said Laderman.

He went on to say that even before

either of these ideas of reindeer were published, a poem in 1821 by William Gilley titled "Santeclaus" described old Kris Kringle to be pulled in a sleigh by a single flying reindeer.

"Why Santa

uses reindeer is uncertain but may have something to do with the origins of much Christmas tradition in northern Europe," said Laderman.

While hearing about some flying mythical deer is great, sometimes all

we want for Christmas is to lock lips with a secret crush. We can't exactly use a game of "spin-the-bottle" as an excuse at this age, but people can certainly increase their chances of getting a kiss by hanging up some mistletoe.

Over 2,000 years ago, Druids believed plants such as holly, ivy and mistletoe were magic because they retained their leaves in the winter and bore fruit during this time.

The kissing aspect comes from the English, who used the plant before the advent of Christmas trees,

according to "The London Ritz Book of Christmas" by Jennie Reekie.

The Christmas trees used today were most likely brought from Germany over 400 years ago. At first, non-German Americans viewed the trees as paganistic and were suspicious of the German décor, said Laderman.

Eventually, the trees were embraced by American culture and nowadays, families can purchase trees that are so large they hit the ceilings or break through windows like the Griswold's in "Christmas Vacation."

"Whether it's Christmas trees, cups of soda pop or SUVs, bigger, many Americans believe, is most certainly better," said Laderman.

Even bigger than some citizens' SUVs is the legend that revolves around that bearded old man who magically brings children presents every year.

While it was Moore who wrote about St. Nick, the figure we know as Santa today was simply referred to as a "jolly old elf" who drives a "miniature" sleigh, according to research done by former UMD professor and history buff Craig Grau.

"That way it makes sense that the old elf could get down the chimney and not need Aflac Insurance," said Grau. "Notice he also only puts something in stockings

like the old St. Nicholas legend. So, how can the old fellow bring DVDs and plasma TVs — an elf cannot carry them?"

Apparently, Moore was inspired by a plump, bearded Dutchman who used to pull him around on a sleigh during the snowy winters in New York City, according to America's Library Online.

Although variations of a Saint Nicholas have existed for over hundreds of years, this was the first time that Santa was given a physical description. It was later changed to a more humanistic feature in 1863 when German immigrant Thomas Nast was asked to illustrate a book of children's poems. He gave Santa a kinder face and jollier disposition to match the one we so often now see "ho, ho, ho'ing" at our local malls.

And while St. Nick grew into a larger legend of a man, suddenly the gifts we now beg for every Christmas continue to grow in size and prices as well.

In the past, Christmas gifts were more modest, such as small toys for kids or almanacs or fruit for adults, according to "The London Ritz Book of Christmas."

"It (Christmas consumerism) had to have happen sometime in the early 20th century is my guess for until then most presents seemed to go only in stockings or were tied on the tree," said Grau. "Until then presents at Christmas were not an economy driver for a large industrial nation as it is today. So this is a major economic cultural change."

One perspective on the increase of holiday indulgence involves the expansion of consumer culture, such as fashion, advertisements, self-

## Christmas Fun Facts

- The proper way to use mistletoe is for a man to remove a berry with each kiss that occurs underneath the plant. Once all the berries are gone, that mistletoe can no longer be used for smoochin', according to AllThingsChristmas.com

- Also, mistletoe is believed to alleviate medical problems such as high blood pressure and rheumatism, according to Yahoo! Health.com.

- Some people may find disrespect in using the term Xmas, but in actuality, its roots are from the greek word for Christ; Xristos, where the x is a religious symbol, according to AllThingsChristmas.com

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# #Humor

## Apocalypse now, or at least soon

By Eric Simon  
Statesman Staff Writer

Yes folks, the Apocalypse is nigh. No. I'm not one of those nut jobs standing on a street corner with a cardboard sign. I have proof dammit.

**1. Britney Spears has stopped wearing undies.** Apparently when rich, white trash finds itself in the midst of a divorce with a rapper who can't outsell Vanilla Ice, the little things like covering up the "promised land" don't seem to matter. Britney, for the love of God, no one wants to see you naked. (OK, I might be wrong about that but didn't yo mamma learn you better?)

**2. Mel Gibson released a movie called "Apocalypto."** I'm pretty sure Mel has his own private phone line to God, so this is a sure fire sign.

There's also the fact that he's a racist mofo that has been caught drunk driving and for some reason, the general public still feels the need to flock to theaters and give Mel more money.

**3. The Minnesota Vikings have lost more games than they've won.** Wait, sorry nothing out of the ordinary here.

**4. George Bush admitted progress in Iraq was going too slow.** Really W? You just figured this out? Did you finally solve that pesky "Sesame Street" puzzle too? The fact that our "stay the course" leader is admitting that things aren't OK is a pretty good sign that

hell has frozen over.

**5. People are getting shot for a gaming console that lets them pretend to shoot people.** Alright,

the fact that someone waiting in line for a PS3 would rather die than give up his \$600 is just plain wrong. Hey I love video games, they rank right up there with naked Twister (you know the game with the dots on the mat, except naked), but I really don't think I'd be willing to take a bullet just so I could play the latest Call of Duty game.

**6. Someone had the gall to cast Justin Timberlake and Morgan Freeman**

**in the same movie.** That's right. Go ahead and rent "Edison Force" if you want to see the greatest actor of all time next to some dude whose big claim to fame is N'Sync. It's sick; it's wrong, and we're all going to die.

**7. They're paying me to write this.** There's no better sign that the world is coming to an end than the fact that they're paying some moron to write crazy theories and then publish them. Although Fox News does make it look pretty convincing (read that last sentence with just a hint of sarcasm).

**8. They're making another "Rocky" movie.** Stallone put your shirt back on. For the love of god mankind is doomed.

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## Gov't reveals new weapon

By Tyler Domaas  
Statesman Staff Writer

Our government has done it again. Another fantastic idea has been thrown out there, and America is running with it. That's right, defeating the enemy with violence is being thrown out the window. Our new way to victory: shame.

We will shame our enemy into defeat. And how will we do that. Well this is where the genius of the plan fits in. We will no longer be risking

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But this plan has its flaws. History has shown us that having an army this powerful is dangerous. We've all seen "Planet of the Apes," and I'm sure none of us want that to happen again.

But if we only train a small number of shaming monkeys, then I'm sure we will be fine. So stand proud behind our army of monkeys, and be proud to be an American.

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## TOPTEN

### Things I'm Doing For Winter Break

By Eric Simon

Statesman Staff Writer

10. Catching up on all the "Desperate Housewives" I missed. (Just kidding... haven't missed one yet!)
9. Your mom, (yeah, I went there).
8. Getting a head start on Spring Semester's readings (yeah right).
7. Coming up with plans for world domination.
6. Forgetting everything I learned Fall Semester.
5. Playing Xbox 360 for insanely long periods of time. (Yes, I know that sounds nerdy.)
4. Last minute Xmas shopping. (Thank the Lord convenience stores are open December 25.)
3. Coming up with various ways to rage against the machine, like wearing my clothes backwards.
2. Sleeping (in a bed as opposed to in class).
1. You don't want to know this one (wink, wink, nudge, nudge).

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# Outdoors

Thursday, December 14, 2006

## And the Big Buck winner is....



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**WINNER:** Congratulations to Steve Sovinski, the winner of this year's *Statesman* Big Buck Contest. Sovinski shot these two beauties within seconds of each other during a rifle hunt.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK BRILL

**RUNNER UP:** Rick Brill shot this monster while bow hunting in northern Wisconsin. The big buck unexpectedly gave Brill a nice shot.

## It happened fast and it happened flawlessly

By Luke Kavajecz  
*Statesman Staff Writer*

Most of the time, hunting for whitetailed deer is a test of time and patience where things usually don't happen the way they are supposed to.

Hunters can spend an entire lifetime hunkered in the woods waiting for the chance to get a glimpse of a trophy whitetail, and if a monarch buck meanders their way, it's rare that things will go according to plan.

Contest winner Steve Sovinski was lucky enough to be hunting near Lake Benton, Minn., on Nov. 4 when he stumbled upon not one, but two big bucks.

"I came up upon the eight pointer chasing a doe," said Sovinski.

In hopes to get a shot at the doe, Sovinski quick-

ly ran over a hill and instead of seeing the doe, he came across a nice 10 point buck. He was able to get a shot at it as well.

"I shot both bucks within about 45 seconds of each other," said Sovinski.

While hunting with his bow in northern Wisconsin, runner up Rick Brill shot a nice buck the day before.

As most bow hunters know, getting a deer to come in close enough for a shot is a tricky task.

Even if a buck does come in close for a shot, the deer can easily detect a hunter's movement or scent. If the hunter does get a chance to draw her or his bow, an unseen branch can easily deflect the path of an arrow.

Lucky for Brill, his buck cooperated.

"The only funny part of the story is that the deer did exactly what I'd hoped it would do," said Brill.

"The buck came right down the trail I'd scouted, and I (shot) him right in the perfect spot of the trail at 20 yards."

The buck green scored 138 inches on the Pope and Yale antler measuring system.

The *Statesman* would like to thank all the hunters who submitted an entry into this year's Big Buck Contest.

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**February 5 - "Africa" - Rafters.**

Sharon Kemp visited Northern Ghana in West Africa in 2004 to study native culture, especially concerning slavery past and present, and the peoples' behavior toward it. She witnessed spiritual ceremonies which have been performed for ages, some of which involved voodoo.

**February 26 - "Umeå Sweden" - KPlz 311.**

Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her husband also spent time in Stockholm, Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

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# Wild could not extinguish Flames

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Jarome Iginla was at his best against Minnesota, and the Wild were no match for the Calgary Flames' captain.

Iginla had two goals and two assists, tying a career high with four goals, and the Flames earned a franchise-record 10th straight home victory by beating the Wild 5-2 Tuesday night.

"In the standings, it was a big win, and as far as the streak goes at home, Calgary's had some very good teams so it's cool to be part of that record," said Iginla.

Iginla scored in his sixth consecutive game to move into a third-place tie in the NHL with 18 goals. Iginla has seven goals and six assists during his scoring streak.

"He's got all the tools to be the best power forward in the game, and the way he's playing right now, there's nobody that plays that role any better," said linemate Alex Tanguay, who had a goal and two assists.

After snapping in Daymond Langkow's pass with 56 seconds left in the first period to give Calgary a 2-1 lead, Iginla added his second

of the night in the opening minute of the second period to make it 3-1.

Robyn Regehr's long pass from his own end found Iginla open down the right side. Iginla moved in and fired a high shot from a sharp angle over Manny Fernandez's blocker and just inside the far goal post.

"It felt good. As a line, we hadn't had a night like that all year," Iginla said.

He set up goals by Dion Phaneuf and Langkow later in the second as the Flames built a 5-1 lead after two periods. It was Iginla's seventh four-point game and first since Feb. 23, 2003.

"He was obviously on fire," said Langkow, Iginla's center on the top line. "That one pass he made to me behind the back, no look, and it went right on my tape."

Tanguay had his first three-point night with the Flames.

Pascal Dupuis and Todd White scored for Minnesota, which has lost five in a row away from home.

Fernandez started for the Wild but was replaced by Niklas Backstrom after Pha-

neuf's goal at 3:35 of the second made it two goals on two shots in the period. Fernandez surrendered four goals on 13 shots, and Backstrom finished with 15 saves.

"They always seem to play well here and they're a confident team when they're playing at home," said Wild defenseman Brent Burns. "We've got to figure out a way to beat them here."

Calgary's Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 24 shots to improve to 15-9-2.

Despite being outplayed territorially in the early going, Minnesota drew even 1-1 at 6:45 of the first with a short-handed goal. Dupuis knocked the puck away from Phaneuf inside the Wild blue line and darted in alone on Kiprusoff, scoring on a deke to his backhand.

"Even when it was 1-1, we were not close to being in the game," said Wild coach Jacques Lemaire. "We weren't skating and it was a matter of time, you could see it. They are a good team, they skate, they work, and if you don't work and skate you have no chance."

## LUCKY

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four dimes in 22 minutes of action.

"I was cold to start the game, but as a shooter you have to keep shooting," said Reiter. "Luckily I got some threes to fall in the second half."

The Bulldogs have never lost to the Saints in 30 games. Ex-UMD player Katie Cross led the Saints with eight points and seven rebounds.

## New faces help Bulldogs

Jordanne Even is a true freshman who's scoring her way into the starting lineup.

"Jordanne is a very talented offensive player," said Stromme. "She's getting better each and every day. Freshmen have peaks and valleys that they have to overcome."

Even has played in eight games while starting two and ranks fourth on the team in scoring at 7.8 cpp.

"There's no question Jordanne provides our team with great scoring ability both from off the dribble and 3 point land," added Stromme. "She's just getting better and better."

"I think we have a really good team, and we are going to win a lot of games this year," said Even. "I'm really excited to be playing, and our team is playing better together every game, which makes everything more fun."

Freeman, an ex-Saluki and Duluth East graduate, has been the defensive staple for the Bulldogs this season. Her tenacious defense has led a Bulldog team who prides itself on hustling out plays and diving for loose balls.

"Katy is a hardnose defender; we can ask her to guard anyone on the floor," said Stromme. "How hard she plays has been a great influence on our team and has been a big help to us."

Freeman is second on the team in scoring with 11.8 ppg and ranks second in both assists and steals with 27 and 14, respectively.

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## Buckeyes and Gators set to clash in national championship

By Tajen Stockdale  
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The Florida Gators were picked over the Michigan Wolverines to vie for the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship against the No. 1 ranked Ohio State Buckeyes.

It seems as though every year there is controversy surrounding the BCS. This year was no different. When left out of the mix, certain players and fans still believe that their team should have a chance to compete for the national championship.

The BCS looks at five factors in determining rankings: coaches poll, computer polls, strength of schedule, number of losses and quality of victories. The system has been used since 1998 and until a different one is used, there will always be teams and fans that feel they weren't given the opportunity they deserved. In 2004, it was Auburn; this year it's Michigan.

Michigan went 11-1 throughout the regular season losing only to top ranked Ohio State on the final game of the season. After losing, Michigan stayed at No. 2 until December when Florida jumped ahead in the standings.

The Gators went 12-1 this season losing only to 10th ranked Auburn. Other than that loss, the Gators dominated the Southeastern Conference (SEC) with their defense ranked 10th in yards allowed and sixth in points allowed.

The Gators played and defeated Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana State University and Georgia during the season. They capped the end of the season and ensured their BCS Championship bid by winning the SEC Championship against Arkansas 38-28 on Dec. 2.

Michigan should not contend for the championship because they already played first-ranked Ohio State and lost. They do not deserve a rematch in the championship game. If Michigan were given the chance to play Ohio again in the championship and won, what would happen then?

Both Michigan and Ohio State would be 12-1 having lost only once to each other. Now, we saw a split national champion in 2004 between LSU and University of Southern California. That would be a similar situation; only this time, the championship would

be split between the two teams playing in it. There would be no justice for Ohio State if Michigan were crowned solo national champions.

So, in the end, to avoid such a chaotic outcome, Florida was given the bid for the national championship game. Michigan will instead play USC in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Both Florida and Ohio State have won national championships in the past. This year Florida is looking to win their second, while Ohio State will be looking for their fifth. When Ohio State won their last national championship, it was one of the most exciting title games in BCS history. Florida won its first and only championship in 1996 under coach Steve Spurrier.

Ohio State has been ranked first in the BCS since the pre-season. Aside from Michigan, they beat every team they played by at least 17 points. They were lead by Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Troy Smith. Smith threw for over 2,500 yards with 30 touchdowns while throwing only five interceptions.

Florida's quarterback duo of Tim Tebow and Chris Leak worked well, but the offense was never very explosive. Florida's offense will have a tough time keeping up with Ohio State's but their fast defense should keep them in the game.

Since the BCS draws so much heat over the Bowl match-ups year after year, many people have called for a playoff to determine the national championship similar to the NFL. Logistically a 16-team or even an eight-team playoff would add an additional three or four weeks to the season. This is seen by many as unfeasible. A four-team playoff would still draw criticism from teams that feel they deserve to be in the top four that vie for the championship.

Either way, the two teams that are playing for the championship worked hard to get there. Sure Michigan has an argument, but what's done is done.

Last years championship game between USC and Texas will be hard to beat, but come Jan. 8, the Gators and Buckeyes will do their best to put on a great show for the national championship.

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### Women's Hockey

UMD split their series against Ohio State last weekend, falling to them 3-0 on Friday and paying them back threefold, winning 9-1 on Saturday.

Despite outshooting Ohio State 26-19, the Bulldogs just couldn't get a shot to go in. They had plenty of opportunities, but failed to take advantage, going 0-13 on power play attempts.

Saturday was an all around better game. UMD again outshot Ohio, 50-34. This time the Bulldogs converted 6 of 12 power plays.

Noemi Martin led the Bulldogs, scoring a hat trick in the game, which put her

### Bulldog Rundown

at seven goals on the season. Tawni Mattila followed closely with two goals. Elin Holmlov, Jessica Koizumi, Saara Tuominen and Michaela Lanzl each scored one goal a piece.

Sara O'Toole led the Bulldogs in assists with three.

### Men's Basketball

John Vaudreuil, Jordan Nuness and Bryan Foss all had stellar performances on Tuesday night in their 77-70 win over the Minnesota State Moorhead Dragons.

Vaudreuil and Nuness both posted season highs scoring

24 points a piece. Vaudreuil went 8-of-13 from the field and went 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

The lead scorer of the Bulldogs, Nuness, hit five 3-pointers and leads the North Central Conference with 38 on the season.

Foss, the NCC's leading rebounder, pulled down nine defensive boards and contributed 20 points on the offense.

The Bulldogs (7-3) will host No. 1-nationally ranked Winona State University on Friday, Dec. 15 in the Romano Gym at 7 p.m.

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# Men's hockey downed in two close games

By Ali Draves  
Statesman Staff Reporter

The UMD Bulldogs men's hockey team were swept this weekend by the Bemidji State Beavers. This was an unusual weekend since the series was split between each team's home arena.

The players traveled to Bemidji on Friday and returned to Duluth for Saturday night's game.

Freshman, goaltender Alex Stalock started in goal for UMD, providing a strong defense against Bemidji.

Matt Greer scored for the Bulldogs in the first period on Friday night, giving Mike Curry and Matt Niskanen the assist. The Bulldogs were looking strong and ready to fight.

"Starting fast on the road is key to keep the crowd out of it," said Niskanen.

Bemidji State retaliated with Tyler Lehrke scoring 20 seconds after UMD's goal.

The first period was a constant battle between zones and full of many penalties. There were many scoring opportunities, but no team was able to take advantage of the power play.

"We had to get used to the new rink in a hurry," said Niskanen.

The players were energized as they headed into their locker room, the score tied at 1-1.

Bemidji took the lead early in the second period with Rob Sirianni scoring.

UMD was finally able to take advantage of the power

play when Niskanen scored late in the second period, with Mason Raymond and Josh Meyers on the assist.

The score was still tied, 2-2, as the teams entered the third period.

Bemidji attacked early in the third and scored two goals on Stalock.

Senior, goaltender Josh Johnson replaced Stalock, making the last three saves of the game.

UMD was unable to challenge the Beavers' lead as Travis Winter scored Bemidji's third goal of the period.

"We try to approach games the same, regardless of where they are played," said Niskanen.

The Bulldogs headed back to the DECC for Saturday night's game and thrived

with the support of the home crowd.

"We like the home ice advantage factor," said Niskanen.

Stalock started again in goal for UMD, prepared to give the Beavers more of a fight than the previous night.

For the second consecutive night, UMD took the lead with Raymond scoring on the power play, giving MacGregor Sharp and Niskanen the assist.

"Scoring first at home is important to get the crowd behind you," said Niskanen.

The Bulldogs took a two-goal lead as Drew Akins scored again for UMD, with Andrew Carroll and Niskanen on the assist.

UMD was on fire as Nis-

kanen scored on the power play, giving Raymond and Meyers the assist. The score was now 3-0.

Travis Winter scored for Bemidji on the power play late in the first period and put the Beavers on the board.

Sharp scored for UMD shortly after, with assists from Raymond and Nick Kemp.

The Bulldogs left the first period with a commanding 4-1 lead.

Stalock played strong, blocking 11 shot attempts from the Beavers.

The second period was a different story as Bemidji quickly caught up to the Bulldogs hefty lead.

Garrett Roth scored for Bemidji early in the second, with Winter and Joey Moggach for the assist.

UMD fought back, with Akins scoring his second goal of the night, giving Mitch Ryan and Carroll the assist.

The Bulldogs still had a solid lead with a score of 5-2.

Blaine Jarvis scored for Bemidji on the power play, with John Vadnais and Ryan Miller with the assist.

The Beavers slowly took over the Bulldogs strong lead with Riley Weselowski scoring again, with Roth and Jake Bluhm with the assist.

Bemidji was now only one goal away from a tie at five.

Bemidji's Shane Holman was able to tie the game with his goal in the late third.

The score was now 5-5, and the two fatigued teams were headed into overtime.

Unfortunately, Jarvis scored for Bemidji, with Miller and Sirianni for the assist, ending the game early in overtime with a final score of 6-5 Bemidji.

Niskanen said the team is working on finding ways to win those close games.

"We certainly aren't satisfied with the results so far this year," said Niskanen. "But we haven't played terrible every game either."

The Bulldogs (4-10-3) are on the road this weekend to play Minnesota State University at Mankato.

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**Left: Freshman Monica Mayry (23) pulls up for a jump shot in the Bulldogs game against St. Scholastica. Mayry contributed all around with three points, three rebounds and two steals. Right: Junior Katy Freeman elevates over two defenders in the Bulldogs game on Tuesday night.**

## Lucky number seven

**By Pete Carpenter**  
*Statesman Staff Reporter*

The UMD Bulldogs women's basketball team took it to the hardwood Tuesday night versus College Street rival College of St. Scholastica Saints en route to winning their seventh consecutive game.

Both teams combined for 48 turnovers with the Bulldogs making only 13 of them.

"We're trying to create the identity that we're a good defensive team," said head coach Dave Stromme. "We're trying to be a little tougher both physically and mentally. I think that's been a challenge that we've faced thus far."

Not Tuesday night. The

tenacious defensive efforts of Katy Freeman, a junior transfer from Southern Illinois University Salukis, led the Bulldogs to create 35 turnovers for the opposition.

"St. Scholastica is a great scrappy team," said Freeman, who rounded out the night with eight points and two assists. "We just needed to get after loose balls and make defensive stops."

The Bulldogs' offense was led by senior captain, forward Katie Winkelman, who dropped 16 points on eight-for-thirteen shooting and grabbed seven boards. Winkelman has filled a scoring void left behind by last year's All-American Lindsey Dietz, who now is an assistant coach to the team.

"Katie has played with

Lindsey the past few years and really has stepped it up to fill that void," said Stromme. "The good news is she doesn't have to do it all by herself. She brings a lot to us offensively, and this year we have more depth to come and compliment her."

The Bulldogs shot 29 three pointers in the game while connecting on only nine.

Junior, guard Alissa Pauley and sophomore, guard Stephanie Reiter each rang in with three baskets from beyond the arc and both finished with 13 points. Reiter, who was 4-13 from the field, lit up the second half going 3-4 from 3 point land. Reiter also tallied seven rebounds, five being offensive, while dishing out

## Athletes utilize their time over winter break

**By Jud Turk**  
*Statesman Staff Reporter*

Winter break for student athletes at UMD is not a time for rest, it's a time to hone their skills and concentrate on the rest of their respective seasons.

Senior, center Matt Rawley realizes that this time over break lets him focus on basketball.

"It is much easier to concentrate on the season during break because you don't have to worry about school," said Rawley.

Junior, guard Brian St. Peter agrees with Rawley that when classes are in session, less time is focused on basketball.

"The advantage of playing over break allows you to fully concentrate your time on basketball," said St. Peter. "Sometimes with classes you are not always fully concentrating on your tasks on the basketball court."

UMD athletes are given some time-off to spend with family near the end of December, but start practicing once these few days are up.

Senior, center Katie Winkelman thinks the time spent with family is important but too much time off could hinder her performance.

"We get two or three days," said Winkelman. "It's not nearly enough time, but you don't want to take time off either. You have to still think about working out, so you aren't sucking air when you get back."

The women's basketball team starts practicing as early as Dec. 26. Winkelman's teammate, senior, guard Justine Axtell thinks this time of the season is crucial.

"It is very important for us to perform well because it is when our conference play is going on, and that's the

biggest part of our season," said Axtell. "The crowds are not as big, so we need to motivate ourselves to go out and perform well."

St. Peter finds that the lack of fan support during the winter break has its disadvantages.

"It is definitely harder to play," said St. Peter. "The fan support is so important to helping the team get ready for the game. It also makes it more uncomfortable for the opposing team when more students are there."

The Romano Gym is not the only place where the crowd will thin.

The DECC usually provides a loud atmosphere that will be missed over break, said sophomore, forward Michael Gergen.

"Not many students attend the games (over break), so the atmosphere on Friday and Saturday at the DECC isn't as crazy," said Gergen.

During the break, conference games come into play and teams begin to look toward the post season. So the games played come during a significant part of the hockey and basketball season.

"It's always important to do well here, so you can gain confidence as playoffs roll around," said Gergen.

Men's hockey begins their first home series over the break against Western Collegiate Hockey Association rival Michigan Tech Jan. 5.

Both men's and women's basketball first home game is against St. Cloud State on Jan. 6.

The women's hockey team has their first home series start on Jan. 6 against Niagara, one of their few non-conference games.

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